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## Collings to pin on second star

Brig. Gen. Mike Collings, Center commander, will pin on his second star during a ceremony in the Museum of Aviation's Century of Flight Hangar at 11 a.m., July 2.

Gen. Greg Martin, Air Force Materiel Command commander, will be the presiding official in the ceremony. General Collings became the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander in February, and the U.S. Senate confirmed his promotion to major general May 3.



Brig. Gen.  
Mike  
Collings

— From staff reports

## 78th ABW COC ceremony July 2

Col. Greg Patterson will assume command of the 78th Air Base Wing from Col. Tom Smoot during a change of command ceremony at the Museum of Aviation's Century of Flight Hangar at 1 p.m., July 2.



Col. Greg  
Patterson

Colonel Smoot will be assuming his new position as the deputy director of manpower and organization at the Pentagon. Colonel Patterson reports to Robins from Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, where he has served as the commander of the 12th Mission Support Group.

— From staff reports

## Sports Day set for July 9

Sports Day is set for July 9 starting at 8 a.m. The day will include events like 1-pitch softball, sand volleyball, bowling and tug-of-war. Five-person teams are also needed for the fifth annual Bed Race at 11:30 a.m. Sign-up sheets are due today by close of business. For more information or to enter a team, call Lynne Brackett at 926-2105.

— From staff reports

**Robins 3-day forecast**  
Courtesy of 78th OSS/OSW

**Today**  
Cloudy with chance of thunderstorms

  
89/70

**Saturday**  
Cloudy to partly cloudy with chance of thunderstorms

  
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**Sunday**  
Cloudy to partly cloudy with chance of thunderstorms

  
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Robins Air Force Base, Ga.

# Force shaping impact uncertain

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Robins' military personnel officials are uncertain how the Air Force's plan to reshape the force will play out here.

Phase II, which began June

2, continues to expand Phase I initiatives of the two-part Force Shaping program aimed at reducing the Air Force's authorized end strength to 359,700 troops by Sept. 30, 2005.

However, Maj. Derrick Richardson, Military Personnel Flight commander here, said

the initiative's impact on Robins is uncertain.

"Unfortunately, the Air Force didn't reach its target number of reductions during Phase I, so they implemented Phase II with continued incentives and programs in place to help us reduce our numbers,"

he said. "It's hard to say how it's going to impact the base at this point. It's all a matter of how many people have a particular interest in the program and come forward to look at applying to separate or retire."

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## Robins Airman to lead Defender Challenge team

By Lanorris Askew  
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Tech. Sgt. Ray Kelly has visions of gold dancing in his head — gold medals that is from this year's Air Force Materiel Command Security Forces Defender Challenge.

The combat arms instructor with the 78th Security Forces Squadron has been chosen to train the AFMC team for the second year in a row.

In August he will head to Camp Robinson in Little Rock, Ark., to participate in a close-precision engagement course where he will learn to operate a new firearm that will be used for the first time in the competition.

After his two-week, close-precision engagement course on the M-24 rifle, he will meet with the 10-member team to train them on the weapon.

"The M-24 is a counter sniper weapon system," he said. "They're used in the Air Force by sharpshooter teams and designated marksmen.

"The rifles are used for extended range, discriminate rifle fires and in advanced observation and reporting under challenging conditions. I've never used the rifle myself so this is going to be very new for me."

Though new to the weapon, the 15-year veteran has no doubts he will be able to master it. After all, a competitor himself, he won numerous medals for his sharp

### What to know

Tech. Sgt. Ray Kelly will train the Security Forces Defender Challenge Team for their upcoming competition in October. The challenge will be held at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

shooting abilities.

He said he's best on the M-4 rifle, but isn't too shabby with the M-9 pistol either.

"When you're competing you have to be a well-rounded competitor," he said. "You can't be great at one thing and bad at another and expect to make the team."

According to Sergeant Kelly, the week-long Defender Challenge, for which he will train the team, pits the cream of the security forces crop from Air Force major commands, the British Royal Air Force Regiment and the Canadian Air Force against each other in various precision shooting events.

"The Defender Challenge is a competition that deals with marksmanship, physical fitness and combat tactics," he said. "It's an honor that my leadership thinks highly enough of me to allow me to train the team."

Sergeant Kelly will leave for his two-week training course Aug. 22 and begin training the team Sept. 7.

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U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Tech. Sgt. Ray Kelly was chosen to attend close-precision engagement school and train the Air Force Materiel Command Security Forces Defender Challenge team for a competition at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, in October.

## Third time's a charm for successfully clearing T Lot

By Lanorris Askew  
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The teamwork of 275 people at Robins has cleared the way for future progress by giving a nine-year-old eyesore a clean sweep.

Nine months, 700 trailer loads of equipment and 17,000 man hours culminated in an early morning ceremony Monday, marking the end of a huge house-cleaning effort on a 5-acre area known as the T Lot.

Col. Kat Spencer, Logistics Management Directorate deputy director, heaped praise on those who pulled off the undertaking.

"You are the ones who made this happen," she said to the audience as she looked out over the cleared lot. "I'm proud of you and everyone who made this a success."

According to the colonel, the T Lot also known as Lot 17, has been used as

### What to know

Nearly 3,000 pieces of support equipment were cleared from the T Lot in nine months. The name T Lot comes from the requirement that all storage locations have an alpha or numeric identification.

the Defense Logistics Agency's storage area for many years.

Lloyd Hatfield, chief of the LG item management support branch, said the amount of equipment — some of which was condemned — was compounded when the land became the "dumping ground" for aerospace ground equipment from the San Antonio Air Logistics Center, Texas, during the base realignment and closure round in 1995.

The lot became somewhat of an impediment last year when it was found



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

to be in the way of the plans for a road being built in conjunction with the base's new front gate.

"The original plan was for a road to go from the new main gate through the T Lot and on to Robins Parkway," Mr. Hatfield said.

For that to happen, some major work had to be done.

In August, when former Center commander Maj. Gen. Don Wetekam directed LG to clear the lot to prepare

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Steve Davis, Center executive director, speaks Monday from the truck that transported the last piece of equipment from the T Lot. Col. Kat Spencer, background, presided during the ceremony.



# FORCE

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Although the major said he has reviewed a few applications from enlisted Airmen interested in leaving the Air Force, the number of troops coming forward for the program remains low at this point.

“We’re certainly going to lose some good people here at Robins and Air Force-wide,” he said. “The Air Force is blessed with a lot of talented people. The best thing for people to do to find out whether or not they would be eligible to apply to get out under the Force Shaping program is to review the (force shaping) message that is out or contact one of the separations counselors in MPF.”

The initial Air Force-wide goal of force shaping was to have 16,600 Airmen (3,900 officers and 13,700 enlisted) leave the Air Force.

Those figures are projected to increase to almost 19,000 by September 30, and to 24,000 by September 30, 2005, due to record retention rates.

“Incredibly high retention and a slow recovering economy are the primary factors in the increase in personnel overages,” said Col. Mike Hayden, chief of the military policy division at the Pentagon. “Retention rates in the Air Force are at their highest in a decade.”

New initiatives include expanding waivers for a number of programs including active-duty service commitments and transferring to the

Guard or Reserve through the Palace Chase program, as well as the return of the career job reservation program, a program that limits reenlistments into the career force by constraining Air Force specialties for some first-term Airmen, officials said.

In addition, Phase II requires commanders to consider a number of quality-force factors when considering Airmen for retention, including correctional custody, referral reports, unfavorable information files, Article 15 action, control roster restrictions, confinement, alcohol or drug related offenses, and financial irresponsibility or mismanagement.

Phase II widens the aperture on the Phase I initiatives, which netted almost 2,500

Airmen approved for retirement, separation or Palace Chase, said Maj. Gen. John M. Spiegel, director of personnel policy at the Pentagon.

“Phase II is the next step in our force-shaping program to move us closer to the authorized end strength of 359,700, while rebalancing the skill,” he said.

The general said Phase I met its objective.

“Phase I did exactly what it was supposed to do,” he said. “It allowed us to assess the level of interest and recalibrate for Phase II. Our goal is to do this drawdown as smartly while rebalancing the force and improving manning in stressed career fields.”

Phase II of the program is designed to do just that by dropping the minimum requirement for application to

Palace Chase from a minimum of 24 months to 12 months.

Further, Phase II allows for full waiver of the active-duty service commitment following a permanent change of station, officials said.

Additionally, Phase II reduces the minimum mandatory time in grade to two years for a limited number of eligible people.

The CJR program has returned for the first time since 1999, serving a two-fold purpose, said Col. Mike Hayden, chief of the military policy division at the Pentagon, helping draw down the force and balance career field numbers at the same time.

“Now is a good time to use this tool again,” he said. “Airmen in overage career

fields, coming up on their first re-enlistment, are offered an opportunity to retrain in a shortage career field. If they choose not to retrain, they have the opportunity to transfer to Palace Chase, apply for civil service, join the Army or separate.”

Due to this change, a greater percentage of applications will be approved in Phase II, officials said.

Additionally, as part of Phase II, enlisted accessions will drop by nearly 11,000 to reach authorized end strength levels by the end of fiscal year 2005 - with new recruit numbers dropping from the originally projected 35,000 to 24,000, officials said.

*Editor’s Note: Air Force Personnel News Service contributed to this article.*



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Tech. Sgt. Ray Kelly holds the medals he has won for his sharp shooting abilities. The sergeant will compete in the Defender Challenge, a marksmanship, physical fitness and combat tactics competition, in October.

# AIRMAN

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When the course is complete, he’ll meet the Defender Challenge team at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., where he’ll take them through a strenuous two-week training routine.

“To compete you must be very physically fit and have good knowledge of your weapon systems,” he said. “You must be an expert in both pistol and rifle, and have the willingness to want to compete. You must have the warrior spirit.”

Tech Sergeant Kelly recently returned victorious from the Atlantic Challenge in Bisley, England, where the top six Air Force security forces members were selected to compete against the British Royal Air Force Regiment. The team won the traveling Atlantic Cup.

The Englewood, Fla. native said he became hooked on weapons 11 years ago after his first competition.

Even though he is highly regarded in the shooting world, he said it took him five years to make his first team.

“I tell a lot of the young

guys who get cut from the Headquarters team, don’t give up don’t quit,” he said. “Look at me. It took me five years to make it.”

Combat pistol, combat rifle, combat weapons, obstacle course and tactics are all a part of the Defender Challenge.

They must shoot at distances out to 500 meters with an M-16 A2 rifle with a 4x Trijicon scope standing, kneeling, sitting and prone aiming at a target half the size of a human.

“The Atlantic competition is the hardest competition I’ve ever been involved in,” he said.

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Tech. Sgt. Ray Kelly  
combat arms instructor  
with the 78th Security Forces Squadron

# ROBINS CLUBS

**Air Force Association Carl Vinson Memorial Chapter 296** meets the second Wednesday of the month at 11:30 a.m. in the Daedalian Room of the Officers’ Club. For more information, contact Julie Vick at 926-2264 or Lynn Morley at 926-6295.

**Aerospace Toastmasters** meets the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at 11:30 a.m. in the Contracting Directorate conference room, Building 300, west wing. For more information, contact Keith Dierking, 926-0420.

**Dixie Crow Chapter of the Association of Old Crows**, a professional Electronic Combat organization, meets the fourth Thursday of the month at 11:45 a.m. in the atrium of the Officers’ Club. For more information, contact Julie Vick at 926-2264 or Wes Heidenreich at 929-4441.

**The Middle Georgia Chapter of the Air Force Cadet Officer Mentor Action Program (AFCOMAP)**, a professional organization dedicated to the mentoring and professional development of all Air Force officers and officer candidates, meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 11:30 a.m. in the Daedalian Room of the Officers’ Club. More information can be found on Robins homepage under Special Functions.

**National Contract Management Association** usually meets the third Wednesday of the month at the Officers’ Club at 11:30 a.m., but that can change depending on speaker availability. For information, call Michelle Idone at 926-2231.

**Procurement Toastmasters Club**, open to all of Team Robins, meets the first and third Thursday of each month at noon in the Contracting Directorate’s conference room, north end of Building 300. For information, call Lily Fickler at 926-2855.

**Ravens Toastmasters Club** meets the first and third Wednesday of each month at 11 a.m. in the Special Operations Forces Management Directorate’s conference room No. 1, Building 300, East Wing, door E-4. For information, call Eddie Sanford at 222-3052.

**Robins Top 3 Association** meets the third Thursday of each month at 3 p.m. at the Enlisted Club. For information, call Master Sgt. John Maldonado at 926-7686 or Senior Master Sgt. Cynthia Cummings at 327-7639.

*Editor’s Note: Information is provided by club members. To have your club or group’s information included or updated, submit it to Angela Trunzo in Building 215, Room 111, or by e-mail at angela.trunzo@robins.af.mil.*

# T LOT

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for the proposed roadway, many thought it was a pipe dream.

Among them was Steve Davis, Center executive director. Mr. Davis admitted he had doubts the lot would ever be cleared after two past failed attempts, but looking out over the lot he said he was pleased.

“This was no easy task,” he said. “You should all be proud of yourselves.”

According to Colonel Spencer, the project was a joint initiative orchestrated across all product directorates and other Robins organizations, including various tenant organizations, DLA, and other con-

## The numbers

**2,867** units worth \$297 million were inspected and tagged

**1,873** units disposed to the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office (\$82M)

**450** units shipped to fill requisitions (\$105M)

**108** units moved to off-site to other DLA storage facility (\$9M)

**436** units relocated on-site to Lots 21, 75 and the area where the base keeps F-15 horizontal stabilizers (\$101M)

tractor augmentation.

Col. Dave Nakayama, director of Support Equipment and Vehicle Management Directorate, called the effort a true tes-

tament to great teamwork. Since nearly two-thirds of the equipment on the lot belonged to his directorate, he was especially pleased.

“Without everyone teaming together, this would have never been possible,” he said.

“Success and progress are incremental, and this small ceremony is another milestone toward success at Robins.”

The site was officially returned to the installation commander during the ceremony.

Col. Bruce Curry, 78th Air Base Wing vice commander, accepted the deed.

The cleanup was completed on time, but plans for the road to go through the lot have been postponed.

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# Center receives patent on depaint process modification

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The Warner Robins Air Logistics Center has received a patent on a barrier coating and selective coating removal process used to fight corrosion on aircraft and weapons systems.

The patented process is good for the environment, good for the center and good for the Air Force because it seals chromated primer. Chromates are considered car-

cinogens and the removal of the primer creates large volumes of hazardous waste, which is a concern for the safety of those working the paint and depaint process.

According to Richard Slife, chief of the Environmental and Safety Compliance Branch of the Maintenance Directorate's Process Improvement and Quality Assurance Division, it is not uncommon for an Air Force research facility to receive a patent, but they are few and far between at mainte-

nance facilities.

"The barrier coating and selective coating removal technology was the result of years of study and laboratory testing supported with environmental pollution prevention, or P2, funds," Mr. Slife said.

The new system removes only the topcoat, and the barrier layer doesn't contain hazardous material like that found in the chromated primer.

Once the topcoat of paint is removed using water or a dry media rather than hazardous

chemicals, repainting is stopped, leaving the barrier coating and the primer in place.

An added bonus of the process is that stripping the paint only to the barrier coating reduces damage to the aircraft and prolongs the integrity of the frame. Repeated removal of paint down to the metal of an aircraft eventually reduces the material strength.

The new process will allow for removal of the topcoat, barrier and chromated primer in

very limited areas where there might be a need to inspect for corrosion or cracking. At the same time, the chromated primer and barrier coating is left in place in undamaged areas, reducing excessive hazardous waste.

The first aircraft to undergo complete depaint down to the barrier coating will be an F-15 scheduled to arrive here in September or October. The barrier coating was applied to this aircraft three years ago. Mr. Slife said there is a great

deal of excitement and anticipation about the aircraft's arrival.

The new process can be used on any aircraft and any weapon system. In addition, Mr. Slife said there is a great deal of non-military interest in the process - both in the aerospace industry and others. He has received requests for information from private industry aircraft companies and from companies interested in removing graffiti from buildings.

## Independence Day concert, fireworks set for Thursday

By Tech. Sgt. John Alexander  
Band of the United States Air Force Reserve

The Band of the Air Force Reserve Command's annual Independence Day celebration and fireworks show is set for Thursday at the McConnell-Talbert Stadium on South Davis Drive in Warner Robins.

Sharing the stage with the Band of the United States Air Force Reserve for a night of family fun and celebration of freedom is Middle Georgia southern rock group, Stillwater. Admission is free.

The stadium will be open to the public at 6 p.m. The festivities will begin at 7:15 p.m. with the Houston

County Honor Band, comprised of select musicians from the county's four high schools. The main stage show starts at 8 p.m. with co-hosts Gerry Marshall of WDEB-FM 99.1 and Mary Therese of WMAZ-TV 13.

The stadium bleachers offer plenty of seating, and attendees are welcome to bring lawn chairs or blankets for seating in the infield. Food and beverages will be available. Alcoholic beverages are prohibited. Bags and containers will be subject to search.

Over the years, this Independence Day celebration has grown thanks to the addition of a fireworks display and guest artists.

"This may be the best



The southern rock group, Stillwater, above, will share the stage with the Band of the United States Air Force Reserve Thursday. Admission is free.

Independence Day observance in the state," said Allen Tatman of the Warner Robins Civitan Club. "Thanks to the generosity of local businesses and the talent of the Band of the United States Air Force Reserve, we have a tremendous celebration."

— From staff reports

## Air Force Reserve band provides musical support for President Bush at MacDill Air Force Base, Fla.

By Senior Airman Dandrick Glenn  
Band of the United States Air Force Reserve

The Band of the United States Air Force Reserve performed for the arrival of President George W. Bush before he addressed Central Command at MacDill Air Force Base, Fla, June 16.

A total of 900 troops serving in Afghanistan and Iraq heard the president's address via satellite, in addition to several thousand troops on hand at MacDill.

"A few days before the event, the band received a call from MacDill that the



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Heather Kanaszka

Chief Master Sgt. Roger Ferrell conducts the Band of the United States Air Force Reserve during the arrival of President George W. Bush at MacDill Air Force Base, Fla.

president was coming and needed band support," said Tech. Sgt. Ken Trimmins, director of Operations. "It's

part of our mission to support the president when called upon."

A team effort from Central Command, protocol, the White House staff and the aircrew from McGuire Air Force Base, N.J., made this event a huge success.

"Our operations staff and senior leadership worked well with everyone from Central Command and particularly the White House staff," Sergeant Trimmins said. "The band exceeded their expectations throughout the event."

The president's address was broadcast on CNN, AFN and all the major networks across the country.

## Mel Tillis comes to Robins



U.S. Air Force photo by Gary Cutrell

Country singer Mel Tillis performed a free Father's Day concert at Robins Park Sunday evening. Mr. Tillis has written well over 1,000 songs with approximately 600 being recorded by major artists including Kenny Rogers, Bobby Bare, Brenda Lee, Webb Pierce, Ray Price, George Strait and Ricky Skaggs.

LEGAL NOTICE

Any person having any claim against the estate of Senior Airman Jeremy Monat should immediately contact Capt. Steven Givler at 327-4280.

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# 2003 Water Quality Report

Robins Air Force Base Water System Permit No. 1530042

Col Richard G. Griffith, Commander, 78th Medical Group ■ Robert Farrell, Deputy Base Civil Engineer ■ Steven Coyle, Director, Environmental Management

*Please note: Individual reports will not be mailed out but are available upon request. If you wish to obtain a paper copy of the 2003 Water Quality Report, contact Bioenvironmental Engineering, 78 AMDS/SGPB, at 327-7555.*

## GOOD NEWS ABOUT YOUR WATER

We are pleased to report that your drinking water met or exceeded all safety and quality standards set by the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) and the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) during the previous year. This Water Quality Report provides detailed accounts of all the water mon-

itoring and testing results gathered during 2003 for the Robins AFB Public Water System. Included are details about where your water originates, what it contains, and how it compares to standards set by regulatory agencies. The purpose of this report is to advise consumers about drinking water quality and heighten awareness of the

need to protect precious water resources. It reflects the hard work and dedication of the 78th Civil Engineer Group, who operates and maintains the water distribution and treatment systems; the 78th Medical Group, who tests the drinking water for safety and quality; and the Environmental Management Directorate, who over-

sees the program and ensures compliance with our Georgia withdrawal and operation permits. To comply with the Consumer Confidence Reporting Rule of the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act, the 78th Medical Group Bioenvironmental Engineering Flight issues this annual report on drinking water monitoring

results. For additional information about this report or to provide input regarding the Robins AFB public water system, contact the Robins AFB Public Affairs Office at 926-2137. The base organizations that manage the water system have an open door policy with our residents.

## IS THE WATER ON ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE SAFE?

Yes! Our water meets or exceeds all of the Georgia EPD and US EPA regulations for drinking water. In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the US EPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The testing results in the table at the end of this report show that we met the requirements for safe drinking water. Robins AFB potable water supply is high quality, safe and tastes great!

## WHERE DOES OUR WATER COME FROM?

Our drinking water is drawn from the Blufftown Aquifer, one of the best ground water sources in the State. This is a safe and reliable source, providing high-quality water that is free of micro-organisms such as Giardia and Cryptosporidium that are sometimes found in

rivers and lakes. Rain water percolates down into the Blufftown Aquifer through layers of soil and sand, which act as natural cleansing filters to remove impurities. We are permitted to withdraw raw water through the wells located throughout the base.

## HOW IS YOUR WATER TREATED?

A variety of techniques are used to treat your tap water, including disinfection by chlorination as well as fluoridation to protect children's teeth. The water also goes through a softening process by adding poly-orthophosphate and lime. The water treatment operation is staffed 24 hours a day by highly trained, state-licensed water treatment plant operators. All of our drinking water is pumped from six active wells at Robins AFB.

## HOW DO SUBSTANCES GET INTO WATER SOURCES?

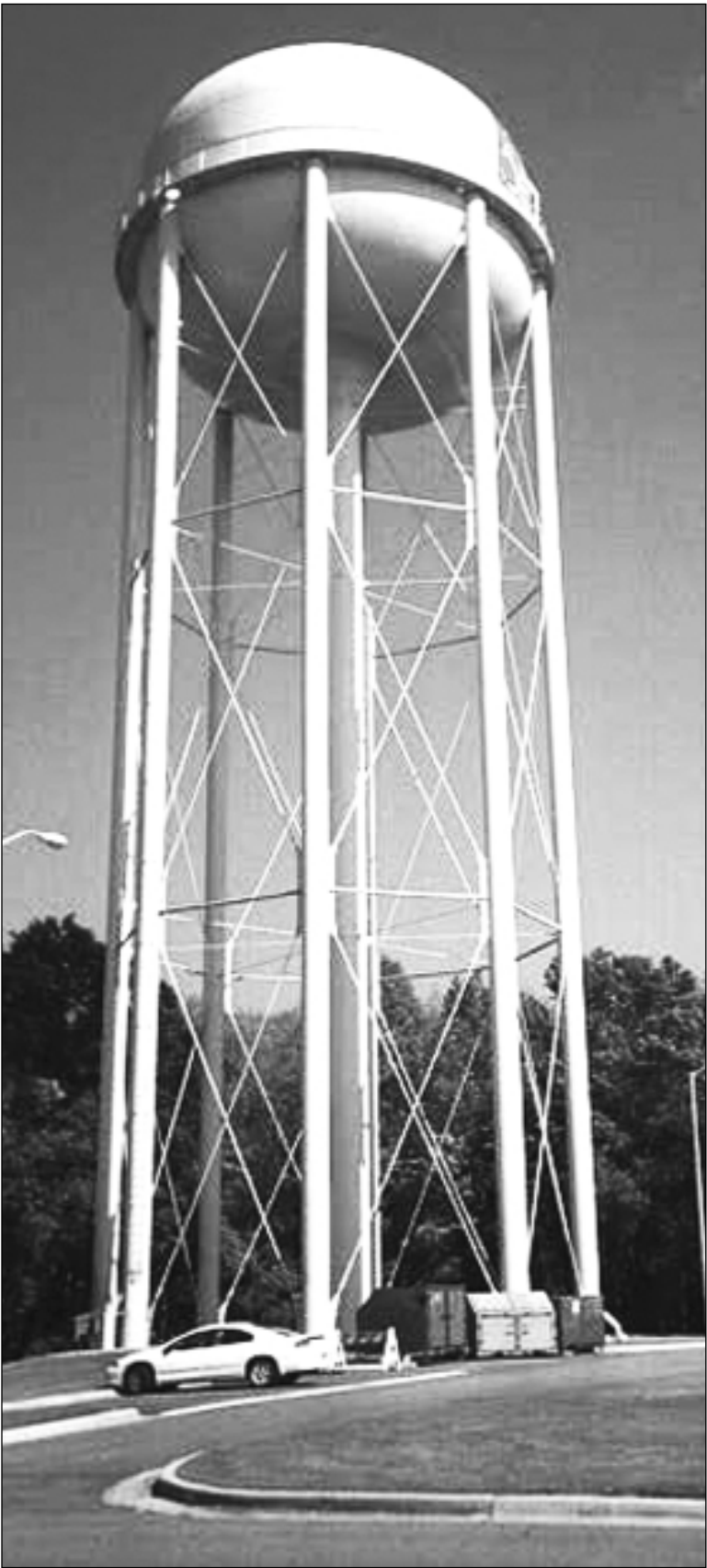
As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, naturally occurring radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity. Contaminants that may be present in any source water before it is treated include:

- Microorganisms, such as viruses and bacteria, may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, and wildlife.
- Inorganic chemicals, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring, or result from storm water runoff or industrial

sources.

- Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, storm water runoff, or residential uses.
- Organic chemicals, originating typically from industrial operations and storm water runoff.
- Radionuclides, which can naturally occur, or are the result of mining activities.

Here at Robins AFB, the drinking water aquifer is located over 300 feet below ground surface and separated from surface water by several thick clay layers. Most surface water contaminants never reach the drinking water supply.



## ROBINS AFB NEW WATER WELL

Georgia Environmental Protection Division issued "Source Approval" for a new water well constructed during FY03 on south Macon Street. The addition of this well would bring our total to seven active wells. The new well will provide for additional redundancy in the water distribution system and ensures future mission requirements are met. The new well is a modern facility complying with the Safe Drinking Water Act well construction/design requirements. We expect to receive the required GA EPD permits and will place the well in use during summer FY04.



## PUTTING THINGS INTO PERSPECTIVE \*

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the US EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 800-426-4791.

*\* The above statement is an advisory statement required to be published by 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 141.153(h)(1)(iv) for all water systems.*

## SPECIAL HEALTH CONSIDERATIONS \*\*

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immunocompromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers.

EPA / CDC (Environmental Protection Agency / Centers for Disease Control) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline 800-426-4791.

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## ROBINS AFB MONITORING WAIVERS

The Source Water Assessment and Vulnerability Assessment show the Robins AFB water system's raw water is not in a high potential pollution risk situation. As authorized by GA EPD, our system has reduced monitoring requirements for certain contaminants to less often than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year. The reduced monitoring requirements, called waivers, have been issued to Robins AFB drinking water system for the following inorganic compounds: asbestos and cyanide, effective 1 January 2002 to 31 December 2010. Additionally, our system has a waiver for 31 synthetic organic compounds, effective 1 January 2002 to 31 December 2004. Please contact the Robins AFB Public Affairs Office at 926-2137 if you have questions about drinking water waivers or wish to receive a copy.

## AVAILABILITY OF OUR SOURCE WATER ASSESSMENT PLAN

Our Source Water Assessment Plan (SWAP) has been completed and will be made available to consumers through the Warner Robins Public Library. The SWAP includes information regarding potential sources of contamination of our six drinking water wells and a review of the controls to mitigate any potential impact.

A summary of the potential contaminant sources that are found in the wellhead management zones yields the following:

- Hazards associated with the handling of the various oils and greases used in the maintenance of pump motors and emergency generators are present at all wells.
- Hazards associated with

handling of the various chemicals used in the water treatment system are present at all wells.

- Hazards associated with diesel fuel are present at all wells, except WS-1 and WS-19.
- Hazards associated with storm water runoff are present at all wells.

Management strategies to control current and future potential

contamination sources have been identified and implemented at Robins AFB. These controls are designated as adequate for the protection of our drinking water supply.

Complaints regarding color, taste or odor? Please call the Civil Engineering Service Desk at 926-5657.

## WATER QUALITY DATA

The GA EPD and USEPA have established standards regulating contaminants. The tables below display data for

monitoring period January through December 2003 and are designed to inform you about substances that may be

found in your drinking water. Compare the Robins AFB water system to the standards by reviewing the US EPA MCL

level to the column labeled "highest level detected." Your drinking water was not in violation of the standards during 2003.

Results for Primary Contaminants						
Substance	MCL	MCLG	Highest Level Detected	Year Sampled	Violation Yes/No	Possible sources of contamination
Total Coliform Bacteria	1 <sup>a</sup>	0	0 <sup>b</sup>	2003	No	Naturally present in the environment
Copper (at tap) (ppm)	AL=1.3 <sup>c</sup>	1.3 <sup>c</sup>	0.41 <sup>c</sup>	2003	No	Erosion of natural deposits; corrosion of household plumbing systems
Lead (at tap) (ppb)	AL=15 <sup>c</sup>	0 <sup>c</sup>	0 <sup>c</sup>	2003	No	Erosion of natural deposits; corrosion of household plumbing systems
Fluoride (ppm)	4	4	1.6	2003	No	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth
Nitrate (ppm)	10	10	0.82	2003	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
Total Nitrate/Nitrite (ppm)	10	10	0.82	2003	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
Alpha Emitter (pCi/L)	15	0	<1	2002 <sup>d</sup>	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Radium-226 (pCi/L)	5	0	1.1	1999 <sup>d</sup>	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Total Trihalomethanes (ppb)	80	N/A	0	2003	No	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Haloacetic Acids (ppb)	60	N/A	0	2003	No	By-product of drinking water disinfection

a. The MCL for total coliform bacteria is based on the presence or absence of total coliforms in a sample.  
b. Highest number of positive total coliform samples collected in any one month.  
c. These samples represent the 90th percentile for the Robins AFB water system.  
d. Data was collected in previous years, but is still considered by GA EPD to be representative of drinking water quality.

Results for Secondary Contaminants <sup>1</sup>				
Substance	MCL	Highest Level Detected	Violation Yes/No	Year Sampled
Aluminum (ppb)	50-200	68	No	2003
Fluoride (ppm)	2	1.6	No	2003
Iron (ppb)	300	170	No	2003
Zinc (ppm)	5	97 <sup>2</sup>	No	2003

- Secondary contaminant MCLs control substances that primarily affect aesthetic qualities (odor or appearance) of drinking water. These MCLs are not federally enforceable but are intended as guidelines.
- No known or expected risk to public health.

## DRINKING WATER DEFINITIONS:

**Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG):** The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.  
**Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL):** The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.  
**Action Level (AL):** The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.  
**ppm:** parts per million  
**ppb:** parts per billion  
**pCi/L:** Pico curies per liter (a measure of radioactivity)  
**N/A:** Not applicable  
**ND:** Not detected  
**NR:** Not reported



## Black Knights ‘fini’ two commanders



U.S. Air Force photos by Sue Sapp



Following their final KC-135 flight, Lt. Col. Michael England, top left and above right, 19th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron commander, and Lt. Col. Michael Smith, top right and left, 19th Operations Support Squadron commander, receives a traditional ‘wetting down’ by their wives, children, family and fellow Black Knights. Col. Raymond J. Rottman, 19th Air Refueling Group commander, said that Colonels Smith and England had served with distinction and left a legacy of success to the 19th ARG, and they were the driving force behind the Black Knight’s record 5th consecutive Air Force Outstanding Unit Award. Following Colonel Smith’s July 7 change of command, he and his family will depart for Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., where he will attend Air War College. Following a July 13 change of command, Colonel England and his family depart for Grand Forks, N.D., where he will serve as the maintenance group deputy commander.

## Museum hosts free events for the public

Museum of Aviation

■ Museum of Aviation’s Hangar Talks hosts Scouting Celebration Month with a fun and informative gathering Saturday at 10 a.m. Georgia Forestry Commission Ranger Willie Vance will speak to more than 35 Boy and Girl Scout Troops on fire safety and prevention.

The event is free and open to any troop or scout.

All participants will receive a free pack of seedlings and an opportunity to work toward earning a forestry or fire safety badge or patch.

■ The Museum of Aviation will be showing patriotic films each day at 11 a.m. in the Vistascope Theater during July. These films are free and open to the public.

**God is My Co-Pilot will be shown**

**July 5-9.** Based on the autobiography of Col. Robert Lee Scott Jr., a decorated Flying Tiger fighter pilot, *God is My Co-Pilot* chronicles Scott’s heroic actions during World War II and what role faith plays.

**D-Day: Down to Earth will be shown July 12-16.** This 47-minute, color film gives a real-life account of the regimental members who served in the 507th Parachute Infantry Regiment and dropped onto Normandy’s soil on D-Day.

**Twelve O’Clock High will be shown July 19-23.** Brigadier General Savage (Gregory Peck) is commandeered to boost the shattered moral of a bomber group in England toward the end of 1942.

**Saving Private Ryan will be shown July 26-30.** A portrayal of one group’s assignment to track down a soldier, stationed somewhere in France, and send him home, after headquarters is reprimed of the soldier’s three older brothers’ deaths in the war. The account also chronicles the Battle of Normandy’s commencing the liberation of mainland Europe from the Nazi regime during World War II.

■ Be a part of history at the Museum of Aviation’s Living History Day July 8 at 10 a.m. - noon. Students will make exhibits of the Century of Flight Hangar come alive. See as they dress accordingly to various exhibits and create reenactments through the eyes of real pilots, political leaders and historical figures.

The event is free and open to the public.

*For more information about museum events, contact Heather Fasciocco at 926-6870.*

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# Airmen honor President Reagan’s legacy

**By Dr. James Roche**  
Secretary of the Air Force


WASHINGTON – Throughout last week, Americans and people from around the world celebrated the memory, and recognized the achievements, of our former commander-in-chief, President Ronald Reagan. He became the president of the United States at a very critical juncture in our national consciousness. President Reagan will always be remembered for leading the charge to significantly reduce nuclear weapons and ending the Cold War with the dissolution of communism throughout Eastern Europe and the former Soviet socialist republics. We witnessed a strong outpouring of remembrance from the world, our nation, and the men and women of the United States military. Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John Jumper and I are proud of all our Airmen for their impressive tribute to President Reagan. We’re especially grateful to the Airmen who directly participated as part of the funeral cortege. Air Force color guards, honor guards, guards of honor, cordon escorts and pallbearers always displayed a quiet, proud professionalism. The 89th Airlift Wing, the 11th Wing, the United States Air Force Band, the Singing Sergeants, and cadets from the Air Force Academy all played key roles throughout the events, as did our F-15E aircrews and maintainers who provided the fly-over during the processional. The United States Air Force Band of the Golden West performed a stirring musical tribute at the burial - and there were many more Airmen behind the scenes who also shined and represented the Air Force and our great nation with professionalism and dignity. The United States Air Force proudly gave its final salute to the “great communicator,” who was truly a “great leader.” Thank you for your service last week. Well done.

# Terrorists will have to go through us first...

**By Lt. Col. Richard J. Burke**  
339th Flight Test Squadron commander

I’ll start this off with a little history question. What do the names Samantha Allen, Craig Amundsen and Melissa Barnes have in common? I’ll answer at the end, but first a little story. There I was, just another normal day as the Dover Air Force Base chief of Command Post - in at 7:30 a.m., and trying to decide who would get stuck with the delay codes for the previous day’s aircraft launches by 8 a.m.. Not long afterward one of my operations controllers came back to my office and said “hey sir, an airplane just hit the World Trade Center.” Initial thoughts were that the weather was bad and some private pilot was in over his head, flying where he shouldn’t be. After a while, I saw the second aircraft (a large commercial type) hit the second tower on TV and realized it was no accident. I called the wing commander’s office to make sure they were watching TV and to see what time they would like XP to convene the crisis action team. In the next few hours, my command post ran several quick reaction checklists concerning force protection conditions and defense conditions I had never seen before. Everyone was on pins and needles since the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon were on either side of us. I drove around the next couple of days with a helmet and body armor in my car. There were Humvees at all the gates with M-60 machine guns pointed at anyone who came through. Hindsight says that was probably a little overkill, but that leads to my first point. **Doing things half-you-know-what gets people killed** All the people at Dover are still here to laugh about our possible overreaction. Dover has the mortuary for the East Coast, and a couple of days later, we started recovering the bodies from the Pentagon. The remains were pulled from the Pentagon and driven to – I believe – Fort Belvoir, Va., (I wasn’t there). From there, the remains were loaded on helicopters and flown to Dover. We would get a phone call when they got airborne and a radio call from the crew when they were 15 minutes out. The helicopter crew told us the expected arrival time, the number of bags (body bags), and the number of boxes (about a one cubed foot box) containing remains. We kept radio and cell phone traffic to a minimum for security reasons. At first, we started out with more bags than boxes, but as time progressed, the ratio reversed. After the 15 minute call, my duty officer called the support group commander, the deputy ops group commander, and the chaplain to let them know what was inbound. They were waiting on the hot cargo pad for the arrival. We picked the hot cargo pad because it was on the other side of the base at a more secure site. The boxes and bags were put on a C-5 where the remains could be put in transfer cases with dignity. The media was outside the main base perimeter with telescopic cameras to see what they could get a peek at. I could scan the fence looking for unwanted intrusions with the cameras controlled in the command post. Transfer cases were then put in vehicles and taken to the mortuary for identification and preparation. I can’t image what the people in there had to endure – I never had the strength to go in. At Dover, we normally did an outstanding job of recovering our fallen comrades with an appropriate ceremony. Two things hampered this: first, the remains or anything contained in them were evidence against those that had attacked the United States. Second, you couldn’t tell who was airline crew, passenger, soldier, civil servant, or even terrorist. I applaud what Col. Dave, Col. Joe, and Father Jim did despite having the deck stacked against them – I watched through the command post cameras. I remember the airline crew families at the main gate wanting to see their loved ones. Unfortunately, there wasn’t much to see. That meant a lot to me since I have several airline friends. That leads to my second point - No one on this base is immune from attack-soldier, airman, civil servant, or contractor. Keep that in mind as you observe things around you and react to them. **The answer to my question** So, what do Samantha Allen, Craig Amundsen, and Melissa R. Barnes have in common? Alphabetically, they are the first three names on the Pentagon Memorial at the Museum of Aviation at Robins. It’s very special to me – I go there when I have to remember why I wear a uniform and what it’s all about. I had to search for it in the museum when I wrote this article – it used to be prominently displayed. The Twin Tower Memorial has been put in storage. That brings me to my third point. We better not forget what happened or grow complacent to the threat. The next time you have to wait in line at the gate, instead of complaining, thank the soldiers and Airmen of the security forces for protecting you. Ironically, when the civil service workers were manning the gates, I had one thank me for protecting the country – I should have said the same to him for protecting me. I thank the civil servants who man the industrial area gates – they protect the aircraft so the 339th Flight Test Squadron can do its job and ensure we give our friends still at Dover, Pope, and Seymour-Johnson the best airplane available to fight the war on terrorism. I hate not being on the tip of the spear. We owe them everything since they are putting their lives on the line for us daily. **Summing it up** Article I of the Fighting Man’s Code of Conduct – “I am an American Fighting Man. I serve on the forces which guard my country and our way of life. I am prepared to give my life in their defense.” Those who wish to do harm to our country or try to change our way of life need to know they have to go through us first. I believe the terrorists get a distorted picture of our resolve by watching television. Let’s make sure they know how we really feel about it.

**Commander’s Action Line**  
  
**Col. Tom Smoot**  
Commander,  
78th Air Base Wing



Action Line is an open door program for Robins Air Force Base personnel to ask questions, make suggestions or give kudos to make Robins a better place to work and live.

Please remember that the most efficient and effective way to resolve a problem or complaint is to directly contact the organization responsible. This gives the organization a chance to help you, as well as a chance to improve their processes.

To contact the Action Line, call 926-2886 day or night, or for quickest response e-mail to one of the following addresses: If sending from a military e-mail system select, Robins Commanders Action Line from the Global Address List. If sending from a commercial e-mail account (AOL, AT+T, CompuServe, Earthlink, etc.), use [action.line@robins.af.mil](mailto:action.line@robins.af.mil).

Readers can also access Action Line by visiting the Robins AFB homepage at <https://www.mil.robins.af.mil/actionline.htm>. Please include your name and a way of reaching you so we can provide a direct response.

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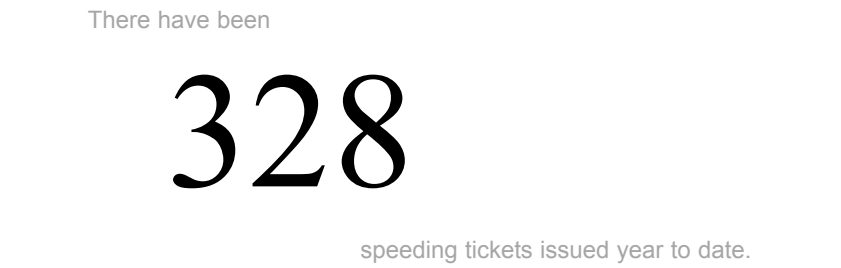
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**Commander’s call question goes unanswered**

During the Commander’s Call at the Warner Robins Civic Center, I wanted to ask the general a question, but kept getting interrupted by the crowd. Then he quit taking questions and said to fill out a card with our concerns. Well, I did and have yet to get a response, but that seems to be the way everything works around here. Can I expect a response, or should I just write it off?

**Commander’s reply:** Following the April Commander’s Calls, you, like many of our Center members, filled out the provided comment cards and turned them in at the Warner Robins Civic Center. Many others took the cards back to their offices where they filled them out and forwarded them back to the Commander’s Action Group for processing. Center members were given a week to send in their comments before they were sorted and sent to the appropriate office for action. The action offices were given suspenses of May 20 to review, research and respond directly to the member on their comment or question. If you have not received a reply please contact Capt. Timothy Motley at 926-3826 to resubmit. Thank you.

## Remember to slow down



## How the points add up

Accumulating 12 traffic violation points within a year may cause drivers to lose base driving privileges for up to 6 months. Speeding violation points are based on the number of miles over the posted speed limit.	10 miles = 3 points
	11 - 15 miles = 4 points
	16 - 20 miles = 5 points
	21+ miles = 6 points

Source: AFI 31-204



Airmen Against Drunk Drivers is a 24-hour-service that provides rides to those who have consumed alcohol and need transportation home. The program is run by volunteers from across base, and those who use the service aren't subject to adverse action. **To request a ride, call: 335-5218, 335-5238 and 335-5236.**

## Robins DUI tracker

Robins has adopted a zero tolerance policy for drinking and driving. In addition to an incentive for no DUIs and putting up signs to keep the message in drivers' minds as they leave the base, the Rev-Up will run weekly numbers of DUIs.



\* one of this year's DUIs involved a civilian who is not connected to the base

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JSIPP training



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the exercise.

More than 100 members of the Robins Disaster Control Group put their training to the test during an exercise here June 17-18. The exercise tested the capabilities of the Joint Service Installation Pilot Program during a simulated chemical and biological terrorist attack. The JSIPP personal protection equipment, called Portal Shields, are capable of detecting chemical and biological agents and are dispersed at strategic locations throughout the base. A team from the Air Force Civil Engineering Support Agency, the Defense Threat Reduction Agency Chemical-Biological Defense directorate, and Air Force Air Staff evaluated the equipment for utility and effectiveness during the base-wide readiness exercise.

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Members of the 78th Medical Group treat a victim of the terrorist attack.

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Firefighters from the base Fire Department spray down a victim of the biological and chemical warfare terrorist attack.



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